Geologists detailed for investigation

3857. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) how many Geologists were detailed for Geological investigations during the field season 1983-84, 1985-86 and 1986-87?

(b) how many Geologists were detailed for work in Hqrs. Offices during the last three years;

(c) how many Geologists were detailed for House keeping jobs which are not connected with geology during 1984-85 and 1985-86,

(d) whether there is any proposal to post officers to the discipline concerned where geologists were detailed, and

(e) if not, under what rules geologists were detailed for house keeping jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) 1249, 1316, 1349 and 1339 Geologists were detailed for Geological Investigations as undertaken by Geological Survey of India during the field seasons 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 respectively.

(b) 111, 112 and 124 Geologists were detailed for technical work in Headquarters of Geological Survey of India during the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 respectively.

(c) to (e) No Geologists are generally detailed exclusively for house keping jobs. In case of exigency only, Geologists are deployed for such purpose in addition to their normal duties but the geologists are withdrawn as soon as the officers of the concerned stream become available.

Use of vehicles by the officers of the Geological Survey of India

3858. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) under what orders Officers of the Geological Survey of India are using Government transport to commute between residence and Office;

(b) what action is proposed to be taken to reimburse the unauthorised expenditure to Government Treasury on journeys already performed by officials when Government orders specifically prohibit use of vehicles by officers below the rank of Joint Secretary to Commute between office and residence; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to prohibit use of vehicles between residence and office by officers below the rank of Joint Secretary in the context of budget cuts and strict control on expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Officers of the Geological Survey of India a predominantly field oriented organisation—are using, Government transport for bonafide official work to commute between office and different destinations including residence This is in consonance with the provisions of vehicle Mannual of Geological Survey of India.

(b) As all the journeys were connected with bonafide official work the question of reimbursing the expenditure to Government tressury does not arise.

(c) In view of reply to part (a), this question does not arise. However in the context of budget cuts and strict control on expenditure, use of Government Vehicles and expenditure on Petrol Oil and lubricants are being continuously monitored and rationalised.